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SENATE BILL

No. 227

Introduced by Senator Harman

February 13, 2007

An act to add Section 51225.2 to the Education Code, relating to high school graduation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 227, as amended, Harman. Course of study: community service.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in English, social sciences, foreign language, physical education, science, mathematics, visual and performing arts, applied arts, career technical education, and automobile driver education and requires the governing board of a school district to enforce that course of study.

This bill, commencing with the 2011–12 school year, would ~~require~~ *authorize* a school district to offer elective courses in community service to allow pupils to earn academic credit for service they provide to nonprofit organizations. The bill would require a school district *that elects to offer elective courses* to determine the manner in which it would ~~implement this requirement, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program~~ *offer those courses consistent with specified prohibitions in the California Constitution.*

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,~~

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions:

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~ *no*.
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~ *no*.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51225.2 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 51225.2. (a) In addition to the course of study for grades 7 to
4 12, inclusive, set forth in Section 51220, commencing with the
5 2011–12 school year, a school district ~~shall~~ *may* offer elective
6 courses in community service to allow pupils to earn academic
7 credit for service they provide to nonprofit organizations.
8 (b) A school district *that elects to offer elective courses pursuant*
9 *to subdivision (a)* shall determine the manner in which it will
10 ~~implement this requirement~~ *offer those courses consistent with the*
11 ~~prohibitions in Section 8 of Article IX and Section 5 of Article XVI~~
12 ~~of the California Constitution.~~
13 ~~SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~
14 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~
15 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~
16 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~
17 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~